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—Another telegram from Santiago says that Chili will agree to deliver up Tacna and Arica in accordance with the treaty of Antofagasta, but will insist on the surrender of a port to Bolivia. Chili can afford to be generous with another's property.

—The telegram of last week from Santiago states that the military manoeuvres there have given much dissatisfaction to the general staff. The publicity given to these criticisms looks suspicious. Perhaps General Körner is seeking to pull the wool over Argentine eyes.

—The Chilian correspondent of the *Times*, writing from Santiago on December 7, says it was reported that the difficulties pending with the neighboring republics on the subject of the denunciation of boundaries and the difficulties arising out of the war with Bolivia and Peru had been brought to a satisfactory termination. Chili will cede to Peru the province of Tacna and Arica, Peru undertaking to give a port to Bolivia, while the Puna of Atacama will be divided equally between Argentina and Chili. The correspondent adds, however, that though the solution of this question is earnestly desired by all parties, it would be premature to regard the matter as settled, and subsequent telegrams have confirmed this impression.

**RIVER PLATE ITEMS.**

—Counterfeit \$50 notes are said to be in circulation in Buenos Aires.

—The Argentine government is acquiring, says a telegram, 32 new batteries of artillery and 500 projectiles for each gun.

—We are in receipt of a new monthly review published at Buenos Aires and called *The High School Record*. It is a schoolboys publication and a very creditable one.

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—It is said that the Argentine government intends to establish a chain of custom-houses along the Chilian frontier to prevent the smuggling going on through the less frequented mountain passes. It is a characteristic step, and will cost many times what the contraband traffic amounts to.

—A popular subscription has been initiated in Buenos Aires for the purchase of another war ship. The *Diario* advises, however, that the money should be used to buy horses for the cavalry. A few years ago the cavalry had no horses, and the naval officers enlisted up and down the Florida. Of course, the times have changed.

—A contemporary remarks that the purchase for the nation of warships and war material has not prevented the resumption of the full service of the foreign debt. Certainly not. It has only required the doubling of the interest and taxes, the borrowing of a floating debt of about \$50,000,000, and the addition of about \$15,000,000 to the national debt.—*Times*, Buenos Aires.

—The statistics of the Pasteur institute in Buenos Aires for the treatment of rabies show that in 10 years to the end of 1896 the number of patients treated was 2,514, of whom 1,637 resided in the capital, 400 came from the province of Buenos Aires, and 255 from Uruguay. In 1,872 of the cases, the rabies was proved experimentally; in 1,803, it was recognized by its clinical history or by veterinary examination, and 339 were only suspicious cases. Only 17 of the cases treated proved fatal.

—It is no doubt very important that the statistical departments, both of the nation and of the provinces, should be active and well informed. But activity is misplaced, and information is superfluous, when the nation gives us one set of figures and the provinces another. This is the case with the areas under cultivation in Santa Fe. National statistics for 1896 give us an area of 1,563,848 hectares, while provincial statistics give 1,231,065. It is obvious that so important a difference renders all attempt at forecasts of probable yield valueless. If departments must differ, they ought to settle their differences in private, and not flaunt them before the public in this way.—*Review*, Buenos Aires.

—This large question, (the military port) regarding which we have secured the services of an Italian engineer to advise us during two or three years, is beginning to assume smaller dimensions, in spite of the apparent danger of war with Chili, and in spite of the interests of those persons, officials and others, who bought lands down near Puerto Belgrano, in anticipation of the little windfalls which may be picked up in the vicinity of a public work. The present minister of war is said to be of opinion that one or two docks, of capacity to hold the largest of our ships, would be quite sufficient for our present needs, without going to the enormous expense of a fortified port. Something will probably be decided very shortly, as various estimates have already been prepared and submitted to Engineer Luggi.—*Review*, Buenos Aires.



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We must confess that the present state of the case against the parties accused of conspiracy against the life of the President and of complicity in the assassination of the minister of war, is most confusing. In the first place the police officials have completed their inquiry, and have found proofs against some twenty men. A conflict then arose as to what court should try them, which has now been decided in favor of the ordinary civil and criminal court. In the mean time a military court is sitting at the war arsenal and is investigating the culpability of the several military officers concerned; six civilian prisoners have been banished by executive decree to the penal island of Fernando de Noronha, and two of the accused are left at liberty because of their prominent standing. It hardly looks like uniformity in treatment, nor are the results likely to be the same with all the persons accused. In a crime like this, it seems essential that all the persons implicated should be subjected to the same trial and, if found guilty, be subjected to the same punishment. The supreme court has adjudged it a crime amenable to the ordinary courts. There should then be no military tribunals, no exemptions from arrest, and no banishment for a special few. If the proofs are ready, the government should bring the accused to trial at once. As the case now stands, it is a mockery of justice. The trial is now called for the 25th, and it is possible that these complications will then be cleared up.

We are glad to note that the government has at last seriously taken up the question of moving the military school away from this city. A commission has been appointed to examine the Barbacena sanatorium and Ypanema iron foundry to determine their suitability for such a school, and it is said that the buildings now used by it will be transformed into barracks. The government would be wiser, in our opinion, not to station any more soldiers in this city, and to remove those now here entirely away from the better residence districts. As every one knows, the vicinity of a quartel is not one of quietness and good order. But this is another question. As for the removal of the military school, the government

should be warmly complimented on its decision. We have urged this removal for many years, and for reasons which cannot be contested. To make it a really serviceable training school, it ought to be taken away from the vices and demoralizing political influences of this capital, or from those of any state capital. It should be located in some pleasant, healthy spot where physical development can be made an essential part of every young man's training. And then the standard of admission should be raised, and the regulations should require every student to maintain a certain average in conduct and study, under penalty of dismissal. And still further, the students should be kept closely to their work and should never be permitted outside the grounds without special permit. It should be remembered that a military officer needs an exceptionally careful training. If he is to be a good commander, he must know what discipline is. And if he wishes to compel respect, he must be thoroughly and practically acquainted with all the duties of a soldier, and he must have the strength and skill required for any service which may be entrusted to him. Essential adjuncts of a military school, then, are the gymnasium and riding school, to which should be added regular hours, good diet, and abstention from every vice which injures health or lowers his moral character. Such a school will rarely turn out agitators, demagogues, or mutineers. On the contrary, its graduates will rather sympathize with orderly methods, and hold themselves in readiness to obey constituted authorities. In the interests of the students, of the army and of the country, we trust that the government will be able to make the proposed removal at once. No existing edifice will be found exactly adapted to the needs of the school, but this ought not to be an obstacle. The future military school will be built to meet recognized requirements, and, as in other countries, this will be done gradually.

## LOSS OF THE "MAINE."

Telegrams of the 16th inst. announce the destruction of the new armored American cruiser *Maine* in the harbor of Havana on the night before. At 10 o'clock a terrible explosion occurred in the forward part of the ship, which wrecked the ship so badly that she sank in a very few moments. A great part of the crew was either killed or injured by the explosion, or drowned. The telegrams have been so conflicting that it is impossible to give full details. The cause of the explosion is not yet known, some insisting that it was a torpedo, and others that it originated in the torpedo deposit. A commission of officers was at once sent from the United States to investigate the calamity, and divers are now at work examining the wreck. The Spanish and municipal authorities at once tendered their services to succor the wounded and bury the dead, and expressions of sympathy have been received from every part of the civilized world. According to one telegram the officers and crew of the *Maine* numbered 450 men, of which 148 were killed and drowned.

## BRAZILIAN EXHIBITION OF GRAPES.

On the 17th inst. a meeting of the national and foreign press of this city was held in the Lyceum of Artes e Officinas, having been convened by the committee nominated by the Sociedade Nacional de Agricultura to promote an exhibition of grapes cultivated by Dr. Luiz Pereira Barreto in his "sítio" at Piratuna and in the chácara of Da. Veriliana Prado in São Paulo. The committee is composed of Dr. Campos da Paz, C. Barata Ribeiro, Honório Ribeiro and Messrs. Bastos de Freitas and João A. Finlay. At the meeting, which was presided over by Dr. Fonseca Hernes, Dr. Campos da Paz, in a brilliant speech, stated that the object of the meeting was to request the press to form a committee which should resolve the best means of drawing the attention of the public to the exhibition to be held on the 3rd and 4th prox. The exhibition is to demonstrate to the world that Brazil is capable of producing anything which can be obtained in any other country, and that Brazil is not, as many foreigners imagine, solely the country of yellow fever and coffee. At the exhibition there will be shown 150 varieties of grapes, comprising the products of vines imported from almost all parts of the globe, and which have been successfully acclimated to Brazilian soil. The press committee was then elected, and comprises the following gentlemen: Dr. Pedreira (Jornal do Commercio), Dr. Ramiz Galvão (Gazeta de Notícias), Jovino Ayres (O País), Dr. Fernando Mendes (Jornal do Brazil) and Euclides Alvim (Etoile du Sud).

## Collegio Americano Fluminense.

This school will open its next session on 24th of Feb. Those desiring to matriculate their children will please communicate with the Directress,

Miss LAVINA GREEN,

No. 2 Rua do O'Hanby,

Botafogo.

## STEAMER "ANTA."

For sale the Fieldcraft, twin-screw steamer *Anta*, as she now lies at Rio de Janeiro, built in 1895, 35 Tons Keelnet, dead weight capacity about 160 Tons. For particulars apply to Capt. Trevena, c/o Charles Hing, 5, Rua Prevez.

## Missing Friends.

Information wanted at the British Consulate General, No. 2, Rua General Camargo, as to the following: DOUGLAS, John—of Junclefield, Perthshire, Scotland, who left for Rio about 1868 or 1870. Appears to have been employed on one of the railway lines. COXSON, John—of Coventry, England. He left Rio for Santos and São Paulo in February, 1872. Rio de Janeiro, December 2nd.

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## RIVER PLATE ITEMS.

—During the month of January 10,508 persons arrived in Argentina by water, of which 4,616 came in ocean steamers. The immigrants numbered 4,310, classified as follows:—according to nationality, 2,759 Italians, 988 Spaniards, 146 French, 113 Turks, 59 Germans, 52 Austrians, 42 English, 36 Russians, 28 Swiss, 16 Portuguese, 7 Americans and 35 of various nationalities.

—The *conf d'état* is naturally the predominant topic, though it had been so long talked about, and so earnestly wished for by many, that it caused little surprise and not much excitement, and even the few who do not entirely approve it, have accepted it as inevitable. On Thursday evening bonfires were lit and rockets fired in the central streets. At midday yesterday, in front of the Bolsa, there was a grand discharge of rockets and crackers, subscribed for by a ten cent subscription among the brokers. The rise in prices continues, showing the good effect on the market. The London quotation of the consolidated debt has also risen. There has not been the slightest hint of disorder in the city, nor are there any signs of dissatisfaction from the interior, except for a little trouble with the 2nd chasseurs at Salto. It seems that a number of the men have deserted taking refuge in Concordia, and that some of the subordinate officers have refused to obey the new chiefs. It is also said that the new prefect of Salto, Sr. Nohos, is not to be found. The official version is not yet known, and the telegrams published here which came through Buenos Aires are regarded as greatly exaggerated.—*Montevideo Times*, Feb'y 12.



The exhibition terminated, the grapes will be sold by auction (5th prox.), the proceeds of which are destined to the founding of an agricultural school with experimental grounds within the federal district.

On each of the two days of the exhibition, Dr. Campos de Paz, who has an authority on viticulture, will make a speech, illustrating the culture adopted by Dr. Barreto, and other matters connected with the exhibition; the hour at which the speeches will be delivered, will be announced in the papers later on.

## COFFEE NOTES

—The New York Coffee Exchange election on the 20th inst. resulted in the victory of an independent ticket. The following were elected: President, James H. Taylor; vice-president, Charles W. Holly; treasurer, James H. Kirby; board of managers, James S. Jarvis, Henry Heintz, D. Henderson Wells, George W. Vanderhoef, Edwin H. Peck, L. Seligsberg.

—According to the *Bulletin* of the Bureau of the American Republics for January, coffee is still in the experimental stage of cultivation in Paraguay, but numerous plantations are now being made in different parts of the country, and especially in the government settlements. The largest plantation is to be found in the department of Emboscado. There are in this plantation already some 200,000 trees bearing fruit which is declared by some to be superior to the Brazilian berry. The results so far are considered satisfactory and encouraging, but whether the venture will ultimately prove a profitable one it is not at present possible to say. The government assists the coffee planters by granting them facilities for acquiring seed and by offering a reward of 30 cents for every plant transplanted and in good condition at the time of application. A bono of 50 cents for each plant may also be obtained, and if granted, is payable in two yearly installments of 15 cents per plant.

## COFFEE CULTURE IN HAWAII

Consul-General William Hayward, at Honolulu, has been studying the possibilities of coffee culture in the Hawaiian Islands. He has spent some time inspecting the different coffee plantations to find if coffee could be grown profitably and the amount of capital required for its successful cultivation. The investigation was undertaken as a result of numerous inquiries from this country. The report is, therefore, very largely advisory in character. In part Mr. Hayward says: "There is no doubt in my mind, and I think it has been demonstrated, that coffee will grow in many parts of the islands, and, if properly cultivated, will bear crops which will compare favorably with those produced in other countries. Still, the industry is so young that it is yet a question what per cent. will be realized on the investment. Estimates range from 12 to 75 per cent. In questioning the planters on subjects which had been decided, I found there was a unanimity of opinion, but no two men could, off hand, give the same estimate and support the opinion by facts. This year's crop will furnish some information as to the value of Hawaiian coffee in the markets of the world. The production, heretofore, has been so small that the price which has been paid is no criterion of what the standard value will be. The prices received have probably been for perfect coffee, the broken berries being reserved for home consumption. I believe, however, that the planters will lose nothing by proper grading. The quality of the coffee raised here is of the best. I was shown a letter from a prominent coffee dealer in New York to whom had been sent several samples of Hawaiian coffee for appreciation. He thought after proper grading, the best would bring in New York 22 cents per pound.

"I do not think it advisable for anyone to come here with the sole object of raising coffee unless he has at least \$5,000. It would be better if he had \$10,000, \$15,000, or even \$20,000. With that amount of money, enough has already been accomplished to demonstrate that coffee raising will be profitable. One can eventually become a coffee planter on much less if he will raise other products on which he can quickly realize, only planting coffee as his means will permit.

"I visited a place where I saw as fine a lot of corn as ever grew. It was planted between one-year-old coffee trees. The owner told me that he got two crops a year, for which he found a ready sale. The land produced each year \$100 worth of corn per acre. That was wonderful. I am sure, grow well on this land and command a good price. I had a conversation with a gentleman who is now engaged in raising fruit in California. He had just returned from Hawaii, having taken about the same trip I did. He told me he had bought a lot and intended to put it in fruit and coffee, as he felt confident that the fruit would be a success, even if the coffee was a failure.

"There is a class of people in the United States with certain incomes who, for reasons of health, are compelled to leave their homes in winter for a milder climate. Coffee raising to them, I think, would be a good thing. The climate is mild without being enervating. An investment of from \$10,000 to \$15,000 would buy a place already started, which would pay enough to allow of the employment of a competent manager, the expenses of a winter's residence on the place, and more than legal interest on the investment.

"To the man who has decided to embark as a coffee planter I have a few words of advice

to offer. Do not under any circumstance commit yourself to the purchase of land until you have thoroughly gone over every foot of it, and do not do it then until you have visited all the coffee districts. While coffee, apparently, will grow in all the districts, you will be surprised to find how much they differ climatically. My advice would be to land at Honolulu and, after ascertaining all you can from the government and private parties as to land which is on the market, take a steamer for the island of Hawaii, buy a horse and employ some reliable person to pilot you around the island, visiting many places as you can. You will be surprised to find how much you will have learned. You will also see how the planters live and work, and will be better able to decide whether the life will be agreeable to you. I do not believe everyone is fitted to be a coffee planter, and many will foolishly plunge into the business only to realize, in a few months, when too late to recall, that ten hours' work every day in a clearing with, in some instances, your nearest neighbor a mile or two away, with no means of visiting him, save over a miserable trail, is far different from life in a big city."

## PROVINCIAL NOTES

—Councillor Silveira Martins was in Bahia on the 17th inst.

—Betting on *chicas* is said to be assuming serious proportions in Bahia.

—A Bahia telegram of the 19th inst. says that at the town of Barra there are 300 cases of small-pox.

—In Pernambuco the autonomist party will not take part in the presidential election on the 1st prox.

—The *Republica* of Porto Alegre is championing the name of Quintino Bocayuva for the next vice-presidency.

—In Rio Grande do Sul Gov. Borges de Medeiros has ordered the disbandment of two battalions and a squadron of his soldiers.

—The work of dredging the port of Santos began yesterday. It is said that the new dredge *Santa Cruz* is giving the fullest satisfaction.

—It is stated that several bands of fanatics have made their appearance in the vicinity of Geremado and that the state government of Bahia has sent troops to disperse them.

—Matheus Costa has been appointed secretary of finance of Rio Grande do Sul and it is thought that his place in the federal chamber of deputies will be filled by Julio de Castilhos.

—In Bahia the executive committee of the republican federal party has published a circular recommending to the voters the party's candidates Senatos Lauro Sodré and Fernando Lobo.

—The Paulista station-master at Campinas, Sr. Eriberto Meirelles, has mysteriously disappeared. An investigation is now being made to determine whether there has been any defalcation.

—The S. José theatre in S. Paulo, which was destroyed by fire on the 15th inst., belonged to the state government and was leased to Dr. Martinho Prado, by whom it was snubbed to Dr. Nabor Jordani.

—Barão de Geremado in Bahia and Deputado Nilo Pêgonha and Alves de Brito in the state of Rio de Janeiro have issued circulars advising their friends not to vote at the presidential election on the 1st prox.

—The executive committee of the liberal party in Rio Grande do Sul advises the members of the party to vote for Campos Salles for the presidency and Quintino Bocayuva for the vice-presidency.

—The *Reforma* of Porto Alegre advises federalist voters who have not been registered by the civilist authorities, to go to notaries' offices on the 1st prox. and record their votes for the candidates of their choice for the presidency and vice-presidency.

—São Paulo seems to be the only place in Brazil where carnival is being celebrated this year with animation. At Bahia, Pernambuco, Porto Alegre, and other places, but little interest is shown. The lack of money is unquestionably the cause of all this.

—The Barão de Geremado, who is called the chief of the opposition in Bahia, has issued a circular advising the federal republicans not to vote on March 1st. The party organ in Bahia, the *Republica*, however, still advises the party to contest the election.

—The British and Italian ministers are still engaged in visiting various points of interest in the state of São Paulo, and are receiving hearty welcomes everywhere. The Italians in particular are making enthusiastic demonstrations in honor of Count Antonelli.

—On the 14th inst. was tried in São Paulo for stabbing his wife in January, 1897, causing her death five days after. The lawyers agreed that it was an "imprudencia" and the jury thought so too, for he was condemned to only one year and thirty days imprisonment.

—An attempt was made on the 12th inst. to assassinate Gen. Menna Barreto at Livramento, Rio Grande do Sul. The would-be assassin is a sergeant of police named Carmelo Bueno, belonging to the force commanded by the celebrated João Francisco. The criminal escaped, but two complices were captured.

—On the 15th, and in the most progressive state of Brazil, though not the most orderly, Domingos Malle and José Martinez fell out over a glass of water and drew knives to settle it. Martinez was killed. Water has been scarce in São Paulo, and has probably become precious, but it is hardly enough to give cause for murder.

—The São Paulo municipal government has ordered the bookstalls to leave the streets in the centre of the city, where they have stationed themselves, but gives them permission to place their chairs in the public squares. Nothing is done, however, to relieve the public of the kiosques which block the streets, and the lottery ticket sellers who block the walks and turn the streets into a pandemonium.

—The police are trying to make the Petropolis coachmen observe the established tariffs, and the latter have accordingly "struck." Now let their licences be cancelled. Greater swindlers can not be found than these coachmen. They charge exorbitant rates and take advantage of their customers. Like their brethren of Rio de Janeiro, they have had their own way for many years, and it is full time they were brought to account.

—On the morning of the 15th a fire broke out in the S. José theatre, in São Paulo, and in spite of every effort completely destroyed the building and all its contents. The Apollo company sustained heavy losses in its wardrobe, etc. The theatre is said to have been insured in the Northern company for a thousand Santos, but the policy had been prejudiced by recent repairs and changes. Another report says the theatre was not insured.

—On the night of the 12th inst., at Livramento, Rio Grande do Sul, one of João Francisco's sergeants, named Carmelo Bueno, attempted to murder Gen. Menna Barreto. The arrest of the criminal was opposed and frustrated by some of João Francisco's men who, in the fight which ensued with soldiers of the 5th and 11th regiments of cavalry, wounded a soldier belonging to the former regiment. Two of João Francisco's men were arrested. The affair caused much excitement. The criminal has since been arrested.

## S. PAULO FACTS AND FANCIES.

### NARROW ESCAPE OF THE B. M.

The B. C. A. was sitting in his counting-house counting and his money, and just thinking of nothing at all, when enter first guy villain, covered with hair, with fifteen wounds in various parts of his person.

The B. C. A. started.

"Guy Fawkes, I presume?" he said, with a disbelieving glance at the intruder.

"The same. Have you got the B. M. amongst you?"

"That is a state secret," replied the B. C. A. with diplomatic caution. "Who is that Johnny behind you?" he asked suspiciously towards a person who was abstractedly dancing the Heel-and-Fling in the doorway.

"That is my *fidus Achates*," replied Guy; "don't mind him."

"By the way, what do you want with the B. M.?" enquired the B. C. A. with affected carelessness.

"I want to SLAY him!" hissed Fawkes, fingering the hilt of his snicker-snee, and twisting up his enormous mustache.

"Ht, just so," replied the B. C. A. after a pause. "Well, all right. Do as you like about it, you know; only don't mix me up in it. I take no responsibility, of course. All I want is a quiet life. How do you mean to go about it?"

"I thought Blow him Up," said Guy, genially.

The B. C. A. reflected a moment.

"No use," he said, "no use whatever! Of course the idea is one which would naturally occur to you, who, as everyone knows,

—with design so sinister,

Once formed a plot for to blow up

The king and all —

"With my how-wow-wow!" roared Fawkes in boisterous chorus, poking the B. C. A. playfully in the ribs. "Gadooks man! It's a poor heart that never rejoices. Bid your knives bring in a demi-john of Schnapps and we'll make a night of it!"

The B. C. A. smiled faintly.

"That style of thing doesn't suit me," he said. "Pray stick to business. I tell you blowing up is no good. Ministers are inoculated for it now-a-days."

"Alas—how's that?"

"F. O. you know, F. O. blows 'em up by every mill all their lives. F. O. blows 'em up higher than a kite. It's what half of F. O. is paid for. Ministers become proof against it. He won't care a straw for a blowing up."

Guy's face fell.

"How about a banquet at a S. Paulo hotel, then?" he asked, more hopefully.

"A blow-out instead of a blow-up, hay?"

"Quite so."

"That's better," said the B. C. A. "That would do for him, no doubt. That," he added, thoughtfully, "would do for pretty well anybody!"

"Very well," said Fawkes, "then that's settled. And now for a drink," he vociferated. "What, ho, without there, ye varlets, bring wine, bring wine!"

A host of menials soon entered, bearing liquor from some neighbouring hostelry; Chateau Larose, Chateau Lafitte, Chateau Yquem, Chateau This, and Chateau That, Chablis, Hochheimer, Burgundy, all the choicest in S. Paulo.

"What vintage is this?" asked Guy, seizing a bottle marked "Lafitte."

"It is forty-two milreis ze bottel, sare," answered the menial, proudly.

Fawkes instantly "necked" the bottle, and emptied it at a draught.

"Ough! Fough! Bah! Pugh! A thousand devils! Old's death! Old's blood and bones! Old's body!"

He drew and flourished his snicker-snee.

(Exeunt menials.)

The B. C. A. with great presence of mind sent for a dozen of Scotch whisky.

Their carouse had hitherto lasted an hour.

"In a crib in the Stone Jug I was born,

Of a hempen widow the kid forlorn,

Fake away!

carolled Guy at the top of his voice.

"Fake away!" chorussed the B. C. A., who had changed hats with his guest, and was beating time on the table with the snicker-snee.

At that moment a messenger, "bloody with spurring, fiery hot with haste," plunged into the Consulate.

"What's up now?" snarled Fawkes, incensed at the interruption.

"Everything's up —

"Is excha —" gasped the B. C. A.

"Ypicks, gone away!" shouted Guy's myrmidon, for such indeed he was. "The B. M. has snuck a rat, and is flying for his life! He has ordered relays of fiery *barros* all the way home, by telegraph. I saw him standing in his stirrups, and galloping hell for leather down the Ladeira de S. João. He is half way to Petropolis by this time!"

"Poiled!" muttered Guy, hoarsely. "All is lost except honor. Save me, B. C. A.," he cried; "save me—I am an Englishman!"

"Once on board of the lugger, and all may yet be well," suggested the myrmidon.

"True," assented Fawkes, cheering up.

"Come along, Scotty."

And the trio vanished.

The B. C. A. woke up. He thought a while, and shook his head. "It must have been that blessed supper," he murmured.

NICODIMUS DEWDROP.

S. Paulo, 18th February.

*Ultima hora*.—A horrible rumor is in circulation to the effect that the B. M. failed to escape after all.—N. D.

## RAILROAD NOTES

—It is announced that the Brazilian government is "firmly resolved" not to lease the Central railway. That is one way of putting it. Another way will be to say that foreign capital is "firmly resolved" to have nothing to do with the Central railway.—*Financial News*, Feb'y. 2.

—We are informed that the Banco da Republica has sold the Villa de Bel tram lines to a German syndicate through the German Bank, and that the new management will at once equip the whole service with the latest and best electric traction. This is good news, for it will help to open up some very desirable districts in the suburbs. The *Journal* hears that the price paid is £90,000.

## SHIPPING NOTES

—Captain Slocum has returned to Boston from his voyage around the world in his 15-ton cutter *Sloop*, with no other companion than his dog. The voyage was made on a bet, which the plucky captain wins.

—The British cruiser *Retribution* arrived off this port on the 13th and stopped outside near the islands of Pai and Mai to await mails. These were taken out by Mr. J. C. V. Mendes in a steam launch. The *Retribution* then proceeded to Cape Frio where she is to meet the *Flores*.

—The United States Supreme court has ordered a new trial for Thomas Bram, mate of the barkentine *Herbert Fuller*, who had been convicted by a lower court on the charge of murdering Captain Nash and his wife and second mate on the voyage from Boston to Rio de Janeiro. The case is full of mystery, nearly all hands being more or less intoxicated the evening before the tragedy, and it is supposed that the mate was asleep on his watch, although this was not brought out during the trial. A peculiar coincidence of this case was that the schooner *Oliver Peck*, owned by the same house and sailing with an exactly similar cargo on the same voyage, was burned at sea after the captain and mate had been killed by the steward. The crew landed on the coast of South America and were brought to Norfolk, Virginia, on an American man-of-war. The steward, John Anderson, has just been tried there for the murder. He pleaded self-defence, and alleged frightful cruelties, but he was convicted and has been sentenced to be hanged on 18th March.

A letter published in the *Journal do Brazil* of the 16th inst. gives the following information in regard to the cruiser *Almirante Tamandaré*. The construction of this ship was authorized in 1884, according to the plans of Capt. João Cândido Brazil. Delays occurred in construction until 1888, when the government ordered that greater activity should be employed. The hull was launched March 21, 1890. The machinery was constructed by Mandaiy, Sons & Field, of London. Up to the time of launching, the cost of hull, machinery and accessories aggregated 1,798,450\$572, the value of the miltres then being at par. The estimated cost of the ship was about 3,700,000\$—say £1,112. On the 21st prox. eight years will have elapsed since the vessel was launched, and she is not completed yet, nor is it publicly known how much has been expended.

H. M. S. *Retribution*, flagship on the South Atlantic station, left this port on Monday afternoon, homeward bound, her time being up. The same evening at 9.45 she ran down and sunk the Swedish brigantine *Sam* some six miles to the south-east of Flores Island. There was a dense fog at the time and the *Retribution* was going less than half speed, all lights showing and fog signals blowing. Hearing a signal the direction of which was uncertain, the engines were reversed and the course altered to starboard. Suddenly a small vessel bore into sight, and despite all efforts the *Retribution* struck her slantways almost astern, stopping in her side. The small vessel sank in a few minutes. The captain (G. H. Lundvall) and five of the crew had already clambered up the chains of the *Retribution* which kept alongside, and the remaining two men of the crew and the ship's cat were taken off by a lifeboat. The *Retribution* put back into port on Tuesday afternoon, landed the shipwrecked mariners, made the necessary declarations before the port and consular authorities, and then resumed her homeward journey. The *Sam*, of Oscarslain, is a Swedish brigantine of 238 tons register, built in 1893, eight in crew. She was coming from Rio Grande in ballast to take up cargo here. She is sunk in shallow water of S 1/2 fathoms, and is a danger to navigation, part of the hull being above water. On this the *Retribution* has placed a red warning flag. The *Retribution* received no damage at all in the collision. —*Montevideo Times*, Feb. 10.

#### NAVAL COURT.

A naval court was held at the British Consulate-General on the 16th and 18th instant to investigate charges brought against four seamen of the British ship *Albatross*, of insubordination, ill-treatment and threatening the lives of other members of the crew.

After a lengthened inquiry the accused were found guilty and condemned to two weeks' imprisonment in the public goal; the sentence being reduced on account of the yellow fever season, and in lieu of further detention they were ordered to pay the costs of the court, etc.

The court was composed of Mr. Consul-General Wastfall, as president, Mr. P. Markland, merchant, and Captain N. Trevena, of the steam barge *Aula*, as members.

#### LOCAL NOTES

—Today is Washington's birthday, a national holiday in the United States.

—It is reported that Gen. Mariano is coming to Rio de Janeiro and that Gen. Carlos Telles will take charge of the 6th military district.

—The government has granted permission for the family of Dr. Alcindo Guanabara to join him at the island of Fernando de Noronha, where he is now detained.

—On Friday the *Journal do Brazil* recorded several cases in which ill-bred young men had made the approaching carnival a pretext for rudeness to ladies on the streets.

—The two police soldiers who assassinated a man in his own bed on the 4th ult., have been expelled from the police brigade, and were sent to the detention on the 15th inst.

—There were seven burials of yellow fever cases on Sunday and four on Monday. Should the weather continue hot and dry, there will be a considerable increase in the death rate.

—The flags of various American houses here were hoisted half mast week in token of the terrible loss of life caused by the sinking of the ironclad *Maine* at Havana on the 15th.

—A Buenos Aires telegram of the 17th inst. says that a case of yellow fever has been discovered on the steamer *Collingwood*. It is probably nothing more than a bilious attack.

—The hot weather is causing a slow but steady increase in yellow fever cases. We shall see several weeks of hot weather, the foreign residents of the city can not exercise too much care.

—There was an attempt to inaugurate a strike among the tram drivers of the Botanical Garden company yesterday, but order was restored by the arrest of six strikers. They ask for more pay.

—We are glad to hear through the Havas Agency that the Stephan Agency denies the arrival of Captain Ticadicol at Adidals-abela. Had it been otherwise, something ridiculous might have occurred.

—Some days ago Deodaciano Martyr, alleging that he is held in custody in a private prison, applied to the federal judge of this city for a writ of habeas corpus. The judge referred him to the local courts.

—It was stated on Sunday in the journals of this city that Judge Raja Gabaglia had decided not to issue a warrant for the arrest of Vice-President Manoel Victorino, Joaquim Augusto Freire and Fortunato de Medeiros.

—Preliminary to a revision of the regulations governing the civil registry of births, deaths and marriages, the minister of justice has issued a circular to the state governors asking for information in regard to the execution of the law and whether it has been strictly executed.

—The new management for the sale of fresh beef is causing much trouble. The monopoly which controls this trade sells to the butcher at 1500 per kilo, and fetches him to ask more than 1500. The result is that many shops are closed, and many others are seeking to protect themselves by giving underweight.

—The latest scandal is the statement, made in some of the journals of this city, that it has been ascertained that some of the medals, purporting to be of gold and silver, sent by the government of Uruguay to that of Brazil for Brazilian veterans of the Paraguayan war, are made not of gold and silver but of baser metals.

—The *Gazeta de Noticias* is unhappy because "disloyal enemies of the republic" are circulating alarming rumors in regard to the President's health, the financial and administrative affairs of the country and the coming presidential election. Has not the *Gazeta* yet learned that such reports would be harmless if the situation inspired confidence?

—Carnaval this year is very tame and lame—nothing really amusing in it except for the children and the irrepressible *moleque*. Everything is cheap and common, except the pretty strips and bits of paper called "serpentina" and "confetti." If there is nothing better in the affair than this, then it would be well to substitute it by something better.

—Mr. Nicolsa, correspondent of the Buenos Aires *Prensa* and *New York Herald*, says the *Noticia* in its issue of last Thursday, a fortune is that the abstract of his interview with the vice-president of the republic, Dr. Manoel Victorino, published in the *Nação* of S. Paulo and copied into *the Rio's Gazeta de Noticias*, does not agree with the original.

—What faith can the public have in a newspaper which deliberately suppresses, or perverts, important news? Very little, surely! If an occurrence is discreditable, or hurtful to the interests of the country, its suppression will not make it less so. We progress and improve more by correcting mistakes, and by suppressing abuses, than by any other means.

—The journals of this city are reporting that a minister in bad health now representing Brazil in an American country, will shortly be replaced by a minister, now in Europe, who took a conspicuous part in the republican agitation in the time of the monarchy. This, we presume, means that Assis Brazil will take the place of Salvador de Mendonça at Washington.

—The *Journal do Commercio* on Saturday stated that Judge Raja Gabaglia had issued warrants for the arrest of persons implicated in the murder of Marshal Bittencourt, but that no warrant had been issued for the arrest of Vice-President Manoel Victorino. The *Gazeta de Noticias* of the same date asserted that the judge had taken no action whatever in regard to the issue of warrants for the arrest of the alleged criminals.

—If the interview of the Rio correspondent of the *New York Herald* and Buenos Aires *Prensa* is correctly reported, it is not very important. The vice president is said to have made some statements not very complimentary to the President and ministers, to have asserted that police delegate Vicente Neiva's report is the out-come of a plan concocted by Dr. Augusto Cavalcanti to disqualify him (the vice-president) from assuming the presidency in any emergency that may occur and to have averred that, unless compelled by force, he will never appear before a court of justice.

—By a vote of 7 to 5 the supreme court at its sitting on Wednesday decided that the crime committed by Marcelino de Mello's accomplices whatever may have been the purpose by which the criminals were actuated, is not in a legal sense political and that consequently the case belongs to the jurisdiction, not of the federal court, but of the criminal chamber of the civil and criminal court of this city. Judge Lucio de Mendonça proposed that the supreme court should order the suspension of proceedings in the case until after the cessation of martial law, but the proposal was rejected by a vote of 10 to 2. The trial of the case is to begin on the 25th inst.

#### PUBLICATIONS RECEIVED.

*Calendar* issued by the Typographia Florindo, of Nieheroy, adapted to a series of years, and regulated by revolving cards.

*A Moda Elegante*; the well known Portuguese fashion journal published in Paris. Agent for Rio, Henrique Morel Filho, 102, Rua S. José.

*Anuário da Bibliotheca Nacional*, Vol. 19, 1897. Contains various important historical material, especially relating to Father Anchieta and to the colleges founded in Brazil.

*Relatório* of the Director-General of Statistics for 1897, presented to the minister of industry. Relates to the organization and work of the department and to the difficulties which it is obliged to overcome. Contains immigration statistics to 1895, the general population returns of the census of 1890, and a diagram of exchange fluctuations between 1820 and 1897.

#### BUSINESS NOTES

—The Western and Brazilian cable between Ceará and Maranhão has been repaired and the whole line is now in service.

—The Pará custom-house received on the 12th a counterfeit 200\$ note, No. 31, 7<sup>th</sup> estampa. It was not known where it came from.

—The national printing office has been instructed to print revenue stamps of 125 reis, 250 reis and 500 reis for use on boxes of cigars.

—Councillor Affonso Penna returned on the 15th from his long visit to Minas Geraes, and at once re-assumed the presidency of the Banco da Republica.

—By a decree of the 17th inst. (No. 2,816) the concession granted to The Ceará Harbour Corporation for the port works of Ceará, is declared lapsed.

—A company has been organized in London with a capital of £300,000, and under the title *The Amazonas Rubber Estates*, for the purpose of exploiting rubber lands on the upper Amazon.

—For revising the samples of merchandise embraced in classes 15, 16, 17 and 18 of the tariff, the minister of finance has appointed a committee composed of two merchants, two manufacturers and four custom-house officials.

—The amount of money spent on confetti, torpedoes, serpentina, masks, etc., for carnival, would go far toward making this city healthier, cleaner and better. Rio could be greatly improved from what its people waste.

—The bureau of public revenues is offering for sale various properties belonging to the state, among which we note the lands comprising the park attached to the S. Christovão palace. It is a pity this park could not be kept intact.

—The government has leased a wire between Pinheiro and Pará, in the state of Pará, to the Cie. Française de Câbles Télégraphiques. The contract was signed at the government telegraph department yesterday. This gives the French cable direct connection with the city of Pará.

—A Porto Alegre telegram of the 15th says that the Banco da Provincia has protested against the 21 per cent. tax on dividends, on the grounds of unconstitutionality. The tax in question is for the last half-year, and amounts to 9,100\$. The bank intends to take the matter to the courts.

—The government analytical laboratory has condemned an article imported from Hamburg under the name of "coalho", manufactured by Ludwig V. Lorentz, of Hamburg. Boric acid is found in it, and the customs inspector therefore refuses to permit the goods to be dispatched, and imposes a fine of 900\$ on the importers, Srs. Silva Gomes & Co. These fines are highly unjust.

—In response to a representation of the Associação Commercial, the prefect of the city authorized the traffic in carnival goods on Sunday last. A citizen might not buy a lot or a pair of boots on Sunday for such trade is prohibited, but he could buy all the dominoes, false faces, torpedoes, confetti, tin horns, and other such stuff as he might want. It's a funny world!

—The leniency of the government in permitting the São America to issue policies subject to annual drawings, is now having its natural effect. A fire insurance company has recently advertised the same method of attracting business. There are to be periodic drawings on policies issued, and the lucky numbers are to be considered paid up. This is not sound business and it will surely lead to bad results.

—The exhibition of grapes at the Intemecia Municipal, on the 3rd and 4th March will comprise about 600 bunches and 150 varieties, some bunches measuring 45 centimetres long. The British varieties number 13, including Black Prince, Golden Fleece, Chihl of Hale, etc. The American varieties number 13, the French 30, Spanish 10, Portuguese 7, etc. The display will be an important one and should draw a crowd. The grapes will be sold at auction on the 5th March.

—The Commercial Intelligence Committee of the Board of Trade is approaching the report stage. Primarily appointed to consider the best means of collecting and distributing information as to the requirements and conditions of colonial and foreign markets, the committee has made an exhaustive inquiry on the subject, and has called evidence from all parts of the country. One result of the inquiry has been, as already stated, the appointment of Mr. Worthington, of Manchester, and Sir Vincent Barrington to visit South America in the interests of British trade. There are only one or two more witnesses to be called, after which the committee will proceed to consider its report. —*Textile Mercury*, Manchester, Jan. 29.

—It is stated that a foreign syndicate has purchased from the Barão de Bocatina the settlement of S. Francisco dos Campos and several plantations lying north of the Campos do Jordão, and in the states of São Paulo and Minas Geraes. It is said that the syndicate intends to erect a model health resort, laying out a town on sanitary principles, and constructing a railway to it. We are certainly in need of such a resort, and if it is run in the interests of the sick and the overworked, instead of the gambling profession, it will certainly be a blessing.

—Mr. T. Worthington, the special commissioner appointed by the Board of Trade to inquire as to the trade and commerce of South America, left England on Thursday. He will make a tour extending from Chili to Brazil. He will afterward present a report to the president of the Board of Trade, setting forth the conditions of the leading industries of the country, and indicating the directions in which British trade with South America may be advantageously extended. The inquiry is the first of the kind which the Board has undertaken, and as Mr. Worthington is well qualified for the task, there is reason to anticipate beneficial results from his mission. —*Textile Mercury*, Manchester, Jan. 29.

—The cash balances at ten of the principal banks of this city on the 31st ult. were as follows:

Commercial	7,088,485\$000
Commercio	4,841,649\$000
Lavoura e Commercio	1,878,563\$000
Rural e Hypothecario	12,110,793\$000
Brasilianische Bank für Deutschland	18,949,911\$000
British Bank of South America	3,117,097\$000
London and Brazilian	13,020,819\$000
London and River Plate	14,517,819\$000
Frangaise do Brasil	7,287,686\$000
Republica do Brazil	13,147,546\$000
	96,560,332\$000

The cash balances at the same banks amounted to 152,662,014\$000 on the 31st of last October and to 151,995,325\$000 on the 30th of last June. The decrease is, we presume, principally due to the government loan.

—The sums deposited without interest at four of the banks in this city were on the 31st ult. as follows:

London and River Plate	22,527,640\$000
London and Brazilian	12,548,480\$000
Brasilianische für Deutschland	6,911,531\$000
British Bank of South America	1,036,947\$000
	43,024,898\$000

The decrease of 10,210,150\$000 in such deposits between Dec. 31 and Jan. 31 was probably due principally to the government loan.

#### FINANCIAL NOTES

—It is now stated that the war in Bahia cost 15,000,000\$.

—On Saturday the *Gazeta de Noticias* contradicted the report of an intended issue of more paper money.

—The expenditure of the municipal chamber of Leopoldina amounted last year to 401,767\$109 and the revenue to 244,022\$136. The deficit was overcome by means of a loan.

—According to the *Journal do Brazil* the inspector of customs at Santos has telegraphed to the minister of finance that, in obedience to the said minister's order, he has delivered 200,000\$ in gold to the London and Brazilian Bank.

—The serious state of the national finances ought surely to rouse enough popular interest to produce some discussion of the subject. Expenses must be reduced, or bankruptcy will surely follow. Let the public discuss, then, what expenditures can be reduced with least harm to public interests.

#### COMMERCIAL.

Rio de Janeiro, February 22d, 1898

Par value of the Brazilian miltres (\$1000, gold)	27 d.
do of the Brazilian miltres (\$1000) in U. S. coin at \$1.86 3/4 per £	54 7/8
do \$100 (U. S. coin) Brazilian gold, 1897 est.	13 3/8 c.
do of £ 1 sig. in Brazilian gold	3 8/10

Bank rate of exchange, official, on London to-day	6 3/4 d.
Present value of the Brazilian mil re (gold)	49 7/8
Present value of the Brazilian mil reis (paper)	245 1/2 gold
Present value of the Brazilian mil reis in U. S. coin at \$1.86 per £	13 3/8 c.
Value of \$100 (\$1.86 per £ 1 sr. in Brazilian currency (paper))	28 3/4
Value of £ 1 sterling "	28 3/4

EXCHANGE.

February 15.—The foreign banks all posted 6 1/16, but the market was rather uncertain, and for the time the official rate was not obtainable. The streets did not really all the business reported buying freely at 6 1/16, while the banks declined to cut and holders of bills were unwilling to sell at 6 1/16 to the banks, although anxious of the money at 6 1/16. In the afternoon the bills tapered and with the banks making a slight decrease at 6 1/16, the market closing steady at 6 1/16 for bank and 2 1/2% for other sterling. In the afternoon the market was quiet on the street at 6 1/16, the banks closed without buyers or sellers.

February 16.—The market opened with 6 1/16 closed at the foreign banks, which, in the course of the day, the Banque Française reduced to 6 1/16, and at the close the latter was the quotation for bank sterling with the banks drawing cautiously. As to the source of the money, that overabundance of banks nothing whatever can be discovered, the greater part of the brokers declaring they have very little business, but there were some buyers at 6 1/16, for other than bank when the day commenced, and in the afternoon 6 1/16 was reported. The close was decidedly doubtful at 6 1/16 and 6 1/16—6 1/16 for other sterling, although the banks refused to buy at 6 1/16. The day was quiet so far as real business was concerned. The Bolsa closed without buyers or sellers of sovereigns; on the street gold was quoted at 100 1/2.

February 17.—The Brazilian bank opened at 6 1/16, but refused to move at the rate the British bank posted 6 1/16, and the others were actually at 6 1/16, but in the course of the day the Brazilian bank, London & Brazil, and the River Plate banks all posted 6 1/16. The uncertainty at the banks was sensible in the market, and after some small transactions in the morning at 6 1/16, the market at 6 1/16, money came out at 6 1/16, at which one, or more, of the banks were purchasers. A good deal of business was done in the morning at 6 1/16 for bank and 6 1/16 for other sterling, with a time when one of the foreign banks offered at 6 1/16. The afternoon was quiet, and at the bank sterling was to be had at 6 1/16, in small amounts, and there was no money for other bills under 6 1/16. The Bolsa closed without buyers or sellers of sovereigns; on the street sovereigns were quoted at 6 1/16.

February 18.—The banks posted 6 1/16, and at this rate bank sterling was to be had all day, although some restrictions were imposed. At first 6 1/16 money found bills at 6 1/16, but there was rather too much demand for bills around the market, the rate was reduced to 6 1/16, and other sterling was easily placed at 6 1/16, at which there were no buyers afterwards. In the afternoon business was reported at 6 1/16. Then bills came out and the banks were not buying freely, but later the market again weakened, by close the bank sterling at 6 1/16 and 6 1/16 for other sterling, the last for bank and 6 1/16 for other sterling. The day was quiet, with rumors of buyers flying around the market, the extremes ruling from 6 1/16 for bank to 6 1/16 for other sterling, but before the close the foreign banks recommended trading at 6 1/16 and 6 1/16 for other sterling, and the market was quiet, the banks seem inclined to discountenance, was mentioned in lower rates than those quoted for ready bills. The Bolsa closed without buyers or sellers of sovereigns, and on the street 6 1/16 was quoted.

February 19.—The official rate was 6 1/16 when the market opened, and bills were to be had at this rate with conditions all day, but in the morning the Banque Française posted 6 1/16, and must have found some small transactions were reported in the morning at 6 1/16, but 6 1/16 was soon the rate for ready bills, and there was a quotation of 6 1/16. The day's movement was not realized with the banks, and the regional banks reported a moderate, at 6 1/16 for bank and 6 1/16 for other sterling, just before the close the foreign banks recommended trading at 6 1/16 and 6 1/16 for other sterling, and the market was quiet, the banks seem inclined to discountenance, was mentioned in lower rates than those quoted for ready bills. The Bolsa closed without buyers or sellers of sovereigns, and on the street 6 1/16 was quoted.

February 21.—The banks all posted 6 1/16, and as the demand appeared to have ceased, there was more steadiness in the market, and even a slight advance in the rates was reported. In the afternoon the market was quiet, with rumors of buyers flying around the market, the extremes ruling from 6 1/16 for bank to 6 1/16 for other sterling, but before the close the foreign banks recommended trading at 6 1/16 and 6 1/16 for other sterling, and the market was quiet, the banks seem inclined to discountenance, was mentioned in lower rates than those quoted for ready bills. The Bolsa closed without buyers or sellers of sovereigns, and on the street 6 1/16 was quoted.

Sales of Stocks and Shares.

11 Apolice, S.	84,500
2850 do	80
10 Gold 48	1,025
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8 Apolice, 1898	700
17 do regist.	1,15
5 do 1898	920
50 deb. Credito Movel.	30

Banks.

5 Commercial	203
100 Credito Commercial	60
20 Nacional	140
17 Republica	140
610 do	140
183 do	141

Miscellaneous.

100 Brazil Industrial, mil.	130
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FEBRUARY 16.

10 Apolice, S.	84,500
33 do	840
6 do 48	1,025
21 do	1,025
2 do	1,025
43 do 1898	775
1 do regist.	1,15
12 do 1898	840
20 deb. Leopoldina R. R.	11
20 do S. Sorocabana R. R.	11
24 do Confiança Industrial, mil.	200
24 do Manufactura Fluminense	201

Banks.

19 Commercial	203
59 Commercial	208
7 Republica	141
181 do	140

FEBRUARY 17.

10 Apolice, S.	84,500
6 do	840
5 do 48	1,025
21 do	1,025
2 do	1,025
43 do 1898	775
1 do regist.	1,15
12 do 1898	840
20 deb. Leopoldina R. R.	11
20 do S. Sorocabana R. R.	11
24 do Confiança Industrial, mil.	200
24 do Manufactura Fluminense	201

Banks.

49 Nacional	69
30 Republica	141
147 do	140
50 do	140

UNION SOROCABANA-ITANA.

500 Confiança Industrial, mil.	85
500 do	85
500 do	85
500 do	85
500 do	85
500 do	85
500 do	85
500 do	85
500 do	85
500 do	85

Banks.

1 Commercial	203
25 Commercial, 24	21
18 Brazil S. America	140
10 Republica	140
250 do	140

Miscellaneous.

20 Brazil Industrial, mil.	135
120 Confiança Industrial, mil.	140
1000 Confiança Industrial, mil.	140

FEBRUARY 19.

5 Apolice, S.	84,500
12 do 1898	775
10 do regist.	1,15
40 do 1898	840
20 do S. Sorocabana R. R.	11
20 do S. Sorocabana R. R.	11

Banks.

45 Commercial	205
10 do	205
10 do	205
40 Commercial, 24	21
10 Nacional	140
10 Republica	140
1500 do	139

Miscellaneous.

100 Leopoldina R. R.	7,750
100 Confiança Industrial, mil.	140

FEBRUARY 21.

1000 Sovereigns	1,500
1 Apolice, 48	840
5 do	840
10 do 48	1,025
1 do 48	1,025
21 do	1,025
20 deb. Sorocabana R. R.	11
20 do	11

Banks.

60 Commercial	213
100 Confiança Industrial, mil.	140
50 Laraca e Commercial	58
100 do	28
100 do	45
100 do	110
110 do	110

Miscellaneous.

200 Oeste de Minas R. R.	7
400 Confiança Industrial, mil.	9

SATURDAY'S QUOTATIONS—S. PAULO.

Banco Commercial e Industrial	100,000
Lavadores	100,000
União de S. Paulo (75%)	30,000
Cin. Aguiar e Luz	95,000
Luz	100,000
Mogiana all paid	200,000
Paulista	22,000
Paulista	22,000

Outside Sales.

300 lyp notes Banco União de S. Paulo	65,000
100 lyp notes Banco C. Real	16,000
300 lyp notes Banco C. Real	16,000
50 lyp notes Mogiana	22,000

MARKET REPORT.

Rio de Janeiro, 21st February, 1898.

Exports.

Coffee.—The demand has been rather more general during the past week, and European buyers have been sending out the American exporters continue to do the greater part of the business, although the dealers from those markets have been rather less lively than the reports from London and Havre. The reported sales are about 100,000 bags, and the market has been kept steady, not only by the demand, but by the uncertainty in the exchange rates. Against these favorable influences the receipts are not decreasing remarkably, and a rather more moderate rate of export is offset by the fact that the supply; there has been however, a decrease for the week of about 12,000 bags in Rio, and 15,000 bags in Santos.

There appears nothing in the immediate future to seriously change the position, and the dealers here do not as yet show any inclination to advance prices, while naturally availing of the demand and slow exchange to dispose of their holdings at a small profit or at least without loss. It is felt here as elsewhere that only the weight of the supply keeps prices at 6 1/16 in New York, and sooner or later the market must be relieved of this weight. On the last 16,000 bags were reported sold, brokers quoting No. 7 at 115.00—115.00, the bid, being considered the market price, and on the following day the declared sales were 15,000 bags, the bids ruling between 115.00—115.00, but none of the brokers quoted higher than 115.00, and sales of 10,000 bags on the 16th, 11,000 on the 17th and 10,000 bags on the 18th, given no chances in quotation of 115.00—115.00. Although business was certainly done at 115.00, on Saturday, however, the brokers advanced to 115.00—115.00, as the sales of 10,000 bags, the market closing a little lower than the previous day, and the market closing at 115.00. Today is more or less a half-holiday, but factors have shown firmness at the opening, and the possibilities of much demand on the part of exporters do not seem very promising.

The shipments since our last report have been:

5,721 bags for the United States	32,365
25,251 " " " "	18,865
6,321 " " " "	18,865

The vessels sailed with coffee are:

United States:	bags.
Feb. 12 New York Br Str Sibias	32,365
13 Baltimore Amer Br Glad Tidings	18,865
15 New York Gr Str Adm.	18,865

Europe:

Feb. 12 Lisbon Port Str Malange	271
15 Bordeaux Port Str Brill	1,300
16 Mediterranean do	375
17 Liverpool Gr Str Malange	1,072
17 Mediterranean Br Str S. Pomme	1,300
19 Hamburg Ger Str Pittsburg	13,963
20 Rotterdam do	250

Elmora:

Feb. 16 River Plate Fr Str Malange	1,171
17 do Fr Str La Plata	758
41 Apolice, 1898	1,072

Receipts for the past week were 55,193 bags, against 50,171 bags for the preceding week and 77,800 bags for the week before. In transit the receipts were 10,175 bags coastwise.

Brokers' quotations, according to New-York types

No. per arroba, were the following:			
	Feb. 14	Feb. 19	Feb. 19 <sup>97</sup>
No. 6,....	125 <sup>000</sup> —	125 <sup>000</sup> —125 <sup>000</sup>	nominal
7,....	11 700—11 800	11 800—12 000	155 <sup>000</sup> —155 <sup>500</sup>
8,....	11 100—11 400	11 500—11 500	14 400—14 800
9,....	11 000—	11 000—11 100	13 000—14 500

Stocks in all hands were this morning estimated to be

Mariposa.....	Oporto	17 Dec.
Mariposa.....	Peusacola	17 Dec.
Mari.....	Brinswick	17 Dec.
New City.....	Cardiff	3 Dec.
Normandy.....	Portland	14 Jan.
N. B. Morris.....	New York	14 Jan.
Prince Albert.....	Cardiff	14 Jan.
Pass of Brander.....	Antwerp	14 Jan.
Thudolph.....	Leith	14 Jan.
Rose Innes.....	New York	7 Jan.
Ruby.....	Peusacola	4 Jan.
R. E. T.....	Peusacola	13 Jan.
Syria.....	at Barbados	13 Jan.
Sever (Str.).....	Baltimore	13 Jan.
Schneider.....	Hamburg	13 Jan.
Sterling.....	Cardiff	13 Jan.
St. Lucie.....	New York	13 Jan.
Thomas Elford.....	Liverpool	13 Jan.
Thetis.....	Cardiff	13 Jan.
Taloua (Str.).....	Cardiff	27 Jan.
Tedra.....	Oporto	11 Jan.
Vai.....	Oporto	11 Jan.
Zakok.....	Hamburg	7 Jan.
Z. King.....	Ship Island	7 Jan.
Zefro.....	Marseilles	7 Jan.

## Arrivals of foreign steamers.

DATE	NAME	FROM	CONSIGNEE TO
Feb. 14	Santa Fé Pr.	Havre* 25 ds.	Chargeurs Réunis.
14	Montevideo Ital.	Cenosa* 17 ds.	La Veloce.
15	Orelana Br.	Liverpool* 19 ds.	Wilson Sons & Co.
15	Orissa Br.	Valparaiso* 14 ds.	do
15	Malapian Br.	Bordeaux* 21 ds.	Messageries Maritimes
15	Aquitaine Br.	Marseilles* 21 ds.	do
15	Straits of Dover Br.	Newport* 21 ds.	Lage Limões.
15	Brésil Pr.	River Plate* 3 ds.	Messageries Maritimes
15	Panama Arg.	do* 5 1/2 ds.	J. de Souza & Co.
16	La Plata Br.	Bordeaux* 17 ds.	Messageries Maritimes
16	Others Illg.	New York* 21 ds.	Norton, Megaw & Co.
16	Bellinchi Br.	Glasgow* 20 ds.	Ship Island
16	Somerhill Br.	Leith* 28 ds.	Gus Co.
16	Scamplone Ital.	Genoa* 25 ds.	Florida & De Vincenzi.
16	Halsburg Gr.	Santos 21 ds.	Hermann Stoltz & Co.
17	Alga Br.	Tacoma* 51 ds.	Wilson Sons & Co.
18	Arington Br.	Cardiff* 28 ds.	To order.
18	Dynabique Port.	Liboa* 10 ds.	V. W. Guimarães & Co.
18	Rat. Barroo Orient.	Plymouth* 5 ds.	Amara, Ribeiro & Co.
18	Petropolis Ger.	Santos 15 ds.	Ed. Johnston & Co.
18	Strabo Br.	do 22 ds.	Sutton, Megaw & C.
19	Alaskyline Illg.	London* 30 ds.	do
20	Cavon Br.	Glasgow* 27 ds.	do
20	Clyde Br.	Santamaria* 16 ds.	Royal Mail.

## Departures of foreign steamers.

DATE	NAME	FOR	CARGO
Feb. 13	Orissa Br.	Liverpool*	Summit.
13	Montevideo Ital.	River Plate*	do
13	Baron Edinburg Br.	Buenos Aires.	Ballast
13	Powdermill Br.	do	do
13	Vala Br.	do	do
16	Maristow Br.	Bordeaux*	Sundries.
16	Brésil Pr.	Valparaiso*	do
16	Orelana Br.	River Plate*	do
16	Aquitaine Br.	do	do
16	Natupian Pr.	Santos.	do
16	Montevideo Gr.	do	do
16	Santa Fé Pr.	do	do
16	Isa Port.	Buenos*	do
17	Halsburg Gr.	Genoa*	do
17	Scamplone Ital.	River Plate.	do
17	La Plata Br.	St. Vincent	do
18	Alga Br.	Santos.	do
18	Bellinchi Br.	Hamburg*	Sundries.
19	Petropolis Ger.	do	do
19	Bellarena Arg.	S. Francisco do Sul.	Ballast
20	Dunottar Br.	Rosario	do
20	Clyde Br.	River Plate.	Sundries.

\* Calling at intermediate ports.

## Foreign sailing vessels in the port of Rio de Janeiro, February 20th, 1898.

NAME	TONS	ARRIVED	FROM	CONSIGNEES
<b>America</b>				
Ing R. F. Pettigrew.....	84	Dec.	Portland.....	F. L. Ferraz
Ing Grace Lywood.....	99	Jan.	New York.....	Eddy, M. & Guerin.
Ing Nantasket.....	850	Feb.	New York.....	Ferniz Sobrinho & Co.
Ing Josephine.....	667	Feb.	Baltimore.....	John E. Risset
Ing Edin. Humber.....	667	Feb.	Rosario.....	J. de Souza & Co.
Ing Elmira.....	667	Feb.	New York.....	Ferniz Sobrinho & Co.
Ing Amy.....	667	Feb.	Baltimore.....	Levering & Co.
<b>Argentine</b>				
Ing M. B. Tower.....	58	Feb.	Rosario.....	C. Gmlgeon & Co.
<b>British</b>				
sq Macedon.....	1453	Jan.	Sabine Pass.....	To order.
sq Glunthorwig.....	1450	Jan.	Rangoon.....	H. Stoltz & Co.
sq Fortosa.....	1454	Jan.	Rangoon.....	John Moore & Co.
sq St. John.....	1049	Jan.	Rangoon.....	John Moore & Co.
sq Margaret Mitchell.....	1041	Jan.	Newport News.....	E. I. Petroleo.
sq Auriga.....	809	Jan.	Savannah.....	To order.
sq Bonica.....	809	Jan.	Baltimore.....	Empire Industrial
sq Gwerthyn Castle.....	778	Feb.	Rangoon.....	H. Stoltz & Co.
sq Genesta.....	418	Jan.	Rangoon.....	To order.
sq Canada.....	2127	Jan.	Norfolk.....	Gas Co.
sq Marjory Glen.....	1613	Jan.	Rangoon.....	John Moore & Co.
sq V. W. Guimarães & Co.....	200	Jan.	Baltimore.....	Empire Industrial
sq R. S. Besard.....	1200	Jan.	New York.....	To order.
sq Artisan.....	1003	Jan.	Cardiff.....	To order.
<b>German</b>				
Ing Wilhelmine.....	247	Jan.	Hamburg.....	C. Hecksler & Co.
Ing Bismarck.....	1694	Feb.	Hamburg.....	H. Stoltz & Co.
<b>Norwegian</b>				
sq Prince Anundson.....	1821	Jan.	Cardiff.....	Braslian Coal Co.
sq Genesta.....	418	Jan.	Rangoon.....	H. Stoltz & Co.
sq Vega.....	538	Feb.	Peusacola.....	V. W. Guimarães & Co.
sq Austrim.....	1708	Jan.	Glasgow.....	M. Rodrigues & Co.
sq Fausel.....	809	Jan.	Peusacola.....	V. W. Guimarães & Co.
sq Ad. Tiedemann.....	1134	Jan.	Peusacola.....	To order.
<b>Portuguese</b>				
sq Bertha.....	719	Feb.	Valencia.....	Monteiro Junior & Co.
<b>Russian</b>				
Ing Lailija.....	48	Feb.	London.....	Gilou, Silva & Co.
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262,133,000\$	Stock 5% currency (apolic).	840,000	840,000
102,935,000	Bonds of 1895	775,000	775,000
122,955,000	Stock 4% (gold), converted	1,024,000	1,024,000
11,584,500	Gold Loan, 1898, 6%	2,400,000	2,400,000
24,679,000	Do do 1895, 4 1/2%		
18,350,000	Do do 1894, 4%		
17,500,000	State of Espirito Santo		
10,000,000	" of Minas Geraes		
10,000,000	" of Rio de Janeiro		
10,000,000	Emprestimo Municipal		
Capital		Banks	
20,000,000\$	Commercial	200\$	50,000 Jan. 08
20,000,000	Comercio	200	5,000 Jan. 08
24,000,000	do 2nd series	200	5,000 Jan. 08
18,000,000	Consolidator	200	2,000 Jan. 08
20,000,000	Credito Movel	200	6,000 Jan. 08
10,000,000	Lavoura e Comercio	200	6,000 Jan. 08
10,000,000	do 2nd series	100	3,000 Jan. 08
11,000,000	Nacional Brasileiro	200	6,000 Jan. 08
11,000,000	Republica do Brazil	200	6,000 Jan. 08
20,000,000	Rural e Hypothecario	200	9,000 Jan. 08
	do 2nd series	100	4,500 Jan. 08
Capital		Railways	
3,500,000\$	Caravelhas a Aymorés	180\$	
110,000,000	Leopoldina	200	
10,000,000	Muzambinho	100	
62,000,000	Oeste de Minas	200	
	do 2nd series	200	
24,000,000	S. Paulo-Rio Grande	200	
70,000,000	União Sorocabana-Itapira	200	
12,000,000	do 2nd series	200	
	Vila Rica Sapucahy	200	
Capital		Tramways	
14,000,000\$	Jardim Botânico	200\$	
12,000,000	S. Christovão	200	
Capital		Mills	
10,000,000\$	Alliança	200\$	
6,000,000	Brazil Industrial	200	
3,000,000	Carica	200	
6,000,000	Companha Industrial	200	
500,000	D. Indiel	200	
1,200,000	Industrial Mineira	200	
1,500,000	Manufatura Fluminense	200	
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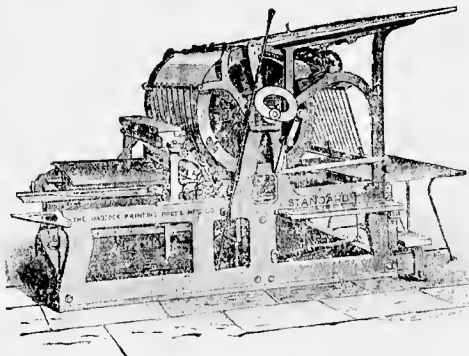
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